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Solid Waste Policy

Presentation to the Michigan Recycling Coalition

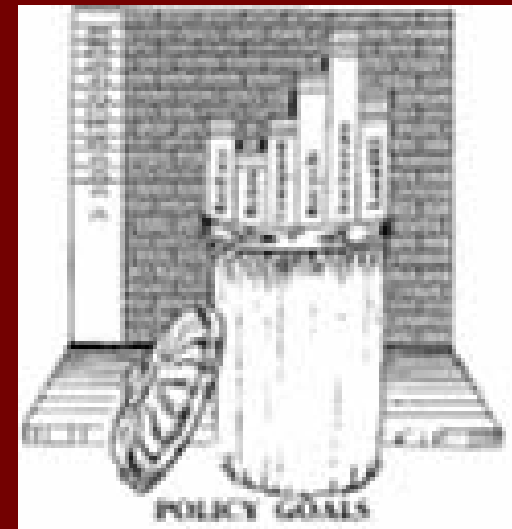
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Michigan's 1988 Solid Waste Policy



- Present Solid Waste Policy was adopted by Michigan Natural Resources Commission on May 26, 1988
- Issued by Governor
- Stakeholder participation



Why are we updating the Policy?

- The 1988 Policy is old and outdated.
- The 1988 Policy contains priorities that are inconsistent with the realities of solid waste disposal today because of changes to the solid waste management industry, laws, and technology.
- Two reports in 2005, on recycling and solid waste planning, identified the need to update the policy.
- An updated Policy will guide counties as they develop county Solid Waste Management Plans.

Solid Waste Policy Advisory Committee

To provide a long-term vision for waste management in Michigan, the Solid Waste Policy Advisory Committee has played a key role in updating the Solid Waste Policy by:

- Identifying issues that the Policy should address
- Drafting policy statements

Solid Waste Policy Advisory Committee Participants

- Michigan Recycling Coalition (MRC)
- Michigan Association of Counties (MAC)
- Michigan Chamber of Commerce
- Michigan Manufacturers Association (MMA)
- Clinton County
- Michigan Townships Association (MTA)
- Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC)
- Michigan Waste Industries Association (MWIA)
- Northwest Michigan Council of Governments (NWMCOG)
- Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County (RRRASOC)
- Resource Recycling Systems, Inc. (RRS)
- Small Business Association of Michigan (SBAM)
- Sustainable Research Group
- Butzel Long
- Delta Solid Waste Management Authority
- Upper Peninsula Recycling Coalition (UPRC)
- Department of Public Works Kent County

DEQ Staff:

- DEQ-Environmental Science and Services Division (ESSD)
- DEQ-Executive Division (ED)
- DEQ-Waste and Hazardous Materials Division (WHMD)

Observer:

- Legislative Service Bureau (LSB)

Policy Development Process

- Solid Waste Policy Advisory Committee (SWPAC) met on February 1, 10, and 24; March 10 and 24; April 7 and 21; May 5; July 21
- The first meetings consisted of brainstorming sessions to identify and group issues that should be addressed in the Updated Policy.
- The SWPAC brainstormed Policy Statements and charged the DEQ with developing Policies from their draft statements.
- The DEQ checked assumptions and asked questions to identify areas of agreement among the SWPAC.
- The SWPAC requested that the DEQ draft detailed policy statements and return to the SWPAC for modification and approval.
- The DEQ presented the DRAFT Policy to the Environmental Advisory committee on May 18, 2006 for feedback
- Packaging the policy to advance within the administration
- Latest comments by the SWPAC on the DRAFT Policy were received on October 20, 2006.

Solid Waste Policy Advisory Committee Meeting Notes and Documents

- www.michigan.gov/deq, click on “Boards and Advisory Groups” and then “Solid Waste Policy Advisory Committee”

Highlights:

DRAFT Solid Waste Policy

- Views Solid Waste as a *Resource*
- Intended to provide the framework to guide decisions based on the three principles of sustainability:
 - Economic Vitality
 - Ecological Integrity
 - Improved Quality of Life
- Updated to address challenges of today and the foreseeable future.
- The entire policy must be read as a whole, where the overarching statement sets the vision from which all of the succeeding policy statements flow.

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